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Certification of Jordan Under Section 130(c) of the International Security and Development Cooperation Act of 1985

Memorandum for the Secretary of State

Pursuant to section 130(c) of the International Security and Development Cooperation Act of 1985 (Public Law 99–83), I hereby certify that Jordan is publicly committed to the recognition of Israel and to negotiate promptly and directly with Israel under basic tenets of United Nations Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338.

You are authorized and directed to report this certification, together with the attached justification, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. You are further authorized and directed to publish this determination, together with the attached justification, in the **Federal Register**.



THE WHITE HOUSE, Washington, June 23, 1995.

Memorandum of Justification

The Government of Jordan has requested the purchase of six UH–60L BLACKHAWK utility helicopters and related supplies and support at a total value of \$87 million. These helicopters will be transferred to the Jordanian military for intracountry military transportation requirements including transportation for its National Command Authority.

By signing a peace treaty with Israel October 26, 1994, Jordan has taken a historic step to promote peace in the Middle East. However, the process of creating a lasting peace in the region did not end with the signing of the October 26 treaty. Rather, the Jordanians must continue negotiations with Israel and other parties in the region to continue the peace process. These negotiations cannot take place absent the movement of King Hussein and other officials. These helicopters will be primarily used for VIP transport, for the King and other high-level officials, and for accompanying security details. These BLACKHAWKs will replace comparable, older BLACKHAWKs currently used for the King.

The International Security and Development Cooperation Act of 1985, PL 99–83, Section 130(c) states: "Any notification made pursuant to section 36(b) of the Arms Export Control Act with respect to a proposed sale to Jordan of United States advanced aircraft, new air defense systems, or other new advanced military weapons shall be accompanied by a Presidential certification of Jordan's public commitment to the recognition of Israel and to negotiate promptly and directly with Israel under the basic tenets of United Nations Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338."

This requirement has been fulfilled by the October 26, 1994, Treaty of Peace between the State of Israel and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, which explicitly mentions the two United Nations resolutions in its preamble as the basis upon which the treaty has been negotiated: "Aiming at the achievement of a just, lasting and comprehensive peace in the Middle East based on Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338 in all their aspects." Nonetheless this Section of Law remains in force. We intend to seek its repeal at the earliest opportunity.

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